21st October 1927]

Contributions from the ryots of Markapur taluk.

* 806 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: With reference to the reply to my question No. 398, regarding contributions from the ryots in Markapur taluk answered on 27th August 1927, that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—The suggestion will be considered after the report has been received and dealt with by Government.

Mines

Minerological survey in the Presidency.

* 807 *Q.*—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the exact extent of the mineral resources of this Presidency is;

(*b*) whether any minerological survey has ever been carried out; if so; whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the table of this House; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will take early steps to have such a survey conducted in view of the importance of the subject?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the note on the mineral resources of Madras published on pages 73—77 of the copy of Mining Rules, 1919, which is available for sale.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Geological Survey officers of the Government of India have from time to time conducted geological survey investigations of the districts in this Presidency with the object of ascertaining their mineral possibilities and the results of their investigations have been published in the memoirs and records of the geological survey, which are Government of India publications available for sale. The hon. Member is informed that the results of recent investigations undertaken at the instance of the local Government are embodied in the following orders which have been placed on the Editors' Table:—

(i) G.O. No. 2268, Revenue (Special), dated 8th December 1919, regarding iron ores of Kanjamalai, Salem,

(ii) G.O. No. 1212, Revenue (Special), dated 20th June 1919, regarding mica mines in the Nellore district in 1919 by Mr. Tipper,

(iii) G.O. No. 812, Development, dated 23rd April 1924, regarding mica mines in Nellore in 1923 by Mr. Hobson, and

(iv) G.O. No. 1409, Development, dated 27th September 1923, regarding mica occurrences in the South Kanara district.

A mining manual is being compiled, one part of which will deal with the mineral resources of the Presidency.